Create a Spiritual Atmosphere

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Phil. 4:5-8).

And did you know, you are a little creator, yourself? You know that? Certainly. You've seen people that you just love to be around. You don't know why. Just that loving type of person. Have you seen that? Just as kind, there, you like to be around them. They create that atmosphere, by the life they live, the way they talk, their conversation.

Then, you've seen those that, every time, you shun them. All time, they want to talk about something evil, and talk about somebody. They're going to criticize somebody there. He's in here now, he's going to talk about this man. All they're going to do is tell dirty jokes, or something about women, or something like that. You just hate to get around them. See? They create. Seemingly, pretty nice people, but they create that atmosphere.

And the things that you think on, the things that you do, the actions, the things you talk about, create an atmosphere. [1]

The world is dying for love; the church is dying for love. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." (Matt. 5:13). But if the salt has lost its savour, it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be trod under the feet of men. And if the church has lost its Divine revelation of the love of God, it becomes a mock, and a stalk, and a stumbling block to the world (1 John 4:7-8,16).

Now, there's only one thing the church has to do. If you want somebody to come to Christ, you be salty. Salt makes a thirst; you be salty and the world will get thirsty. That's right.

For in a man, he is in one sense a miniature creator if he is a child of God, because the Spirit of God is in him, Who controls him, Who operates him.

But I'd like to let you in on some things as this, what Divine love... Now listen, Paul said, "Where there's tongues, they shall cease. Where there's prophesies, it'll fail." (I Cor. 13:8-12). Where there's all these signs... The antichrist can produce any sign that's in the Bible, but he cannot love. There's nothing about him to love.

Oh, you can have some kind of a false love. There are two kinds of love. There is a love which is called human love or in the Greek word, it would be called "phileo." And in the Divine love is an Agapao. Agapao love is Divine love. And when Divine love is in your heart, there's a difference in your life, and everybody knows it. That's right. You live like a Christian, act like a Christian, walk like a Christian; and your whole system is timed to God's Bible.

Now, if you really love God... And you know there's some kind of people that's real good people, only you just can't hardly stand to be around them. That's right. Why is it? They create that atmosphere. And there's some kind of people that you just love to be around. They create that atmosphere that they live in. [2] And around him he's anointed with a spirit.

What is it? It's that creative power that's upon the people that create an atmosphere around where they're at. If they're full of love, not make-belief, but real love, you can feel it. You know that they're Christians. They shake your hand, say, "I'm your friend, John." You can feel it. [3]

See, you are a creator of an atmosphere around you. And you make that yourself by your own disposition and the spirit that's on the inside of you. [4]

Now, it's a supernatural thing. Now, when the Presence of the Lord comes down, it creates an atmosphere for faith.

Now, you've got to create an atmosphere, and your faith will do it. They were all in the upper room with one accord, when suddenly there came from heaven as a sound of a rushing mighty wind; the atmosphere was right (Acts 2:1-4). It takes an atmosphere to do anything.

You know, the regular procedure to hatch chickens is to put them under the hen. But get the egg in the right atmosphere, it'll hatch anyhow. Listen, brother, if a man loves God, and the right kind of an atmosphere he could get into, it'll produce a new born babe just as certain as I am here (John 3:3-5). It's the atmosphere that counts. Let this little handful of people setting here, get in the perfect atmosphere, watch what takes place. There will not be a feeble among our midst. The

cripples will walk; the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the dumb will speak without prayer or anything. It's the atmosphere.

That's how twenty-five thousand were healed at one prayer in Africa. When they seen the Lord do something, it created an atmosphere, and they stepped into it. That's the pool when the waters is running right (John 5:I-4). [2]

And except a corn of wheat falls into the ground, it abides alone (John 12:24). And then when the Word is brought into a heart of faith, that makes that every promise in the Bible live again. See? It's got to live. It's a germitized Word, and It must live if it's received in the right place. Under the right conditions, every seed will live again, if it's put under the right condition.

And brethren, may I say this with reverence and respect to you as my brethren, knowing that maybe before night we'll all stand at the judgment seat of Christ in heaven... (Rom. 14:10-13; II Cor. 5:10-11; I Cor. 3:11-15). And look, may I say this: It's the atmosphere always that brings forth the product. [5]

You can lay a seed out there in the ground. No matter how much that seed is germitized, and lay it there, it's got to have an atmosphere to make it live. See? That sun has to come to a certain power, bring it to a certain atmosphere. An egg has to have an atmosphere, or it won't hatch. No matter how fertile it is, it's got to have that atmosphere.

This is kind of atmosphere I was born under. No matter where I go and visit, the cold world, and mission fields and so forth, I can even stand and close my eyes and think of this atmosphere. [6]

Now, the Bible said that the Word of God is a Seed that a sower sowed (Matt. 13:1-9,18-23). You farmers here, do you know that when you sow a seed, if you sow wheat, why, it'll bring forth wheat, if it's put in a proper care. You sow oats, it'll bring forth oats in its proper care.

Well, that's what the Word of God is. If you take any promise of God and place it in the right atmosphere, it'll produce exactly what it is in its Life.

If we can get the right kind of a heavenly atmosphere, something's going to happen. See? Atmosphere... [7]

We need to produce this Word again. Put it not on a cross, on a nail, but on the living atmosphere of the Holy Spirit. That brings forth the results. God's Word, under the right atmosphere, will produce exactly

what it says it'll do. It's got to be in the right atmosphere though. You can't lay it over in the seminary, or some Bible school that doesn't believe in signs and wonders. It'll never break forth and bring life there. The atmosphere's wrong. But you've got to put it in the right atmosphere. What kind of an atmosphere? A surrendered atmosphere. Stay there until it does go to growing and taking life. [8]

And Jesus said over in Mark 11:22, "If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe what you have said, it will come to pass." See? Believe that what you said, and a Christian is so marked that around him is an atmosphere.

Did you ever meet people that you just loved to be with? You've had that, and why, they create that atmosphere by their life, the way they live, and the things they think about, and the love they have for you.

You create an atmosphere, and that's the atmosphere you have to be in to pray for the sick. See? It's the same thing. It's love that casts out evil spirits. [9]

O God, is my prayer, wake up the church again to old fashion, all night prayer meetings. Wake the people up to a spiritual atmosphere. Oh, it takes that to bring children into the Kingdom. It takes the atmosphere.

And that's what it takes in the church today, not so much starchy creed and theology, but the Spirit of the living God pouring down upon His people to bring a spiritual atmosphere. Not one saying, "I believe it's this," and another one, "I believe it's that." It's hard for the Holy Spirit to work.

And that's what we need today, brethren. We're way behind. The church ought to be a million miles up the road.

When we take like what happened over there in Africa the other day when our precious Brother Billy Graham, when that Hindu come out there and made a challenge like that against the Word of the living God, it shows we need another atmosphere instead of theology. We need the power of the Holy Spirit among us, and men who's willing to stand on what God said to be the truth. It's atmosphere that we need.

Maybe in this great day of prosperity, that we've been so interested in prosperity till we've left off the main thing. Maybe we have gone off on some kind of a tantrum without Him. We mustn't do that. It's atmosphere. It's a place that we want Christ. [10]

That's the way it is when a man becomes born again. There's something takes place within him, that he's sick and tired of the world. And there's godly spirit around him.

But my life has been dealing with spiritual things, as you understand in the meeting. You walk up to people sometime, that try to impersonate something. "Oh, Brother Branham, I sure got faith in you." And you know he's lying. See? There's a spirit there that speaks lot louder then his lips speak. It's the atmosphere.

And if you'll learn to love and to be kind to everybody, and to be gentle, have patience, it'll even make your home life different. It'll make your associations different. God will honor you. Now, I've tried it.

Now, the only thing, you have to change the situation. If that can be done in the home, it can be done in a church; it can be done in a nation; it could be done in the whole world. It's the atmosphere that counts.

So it's the atmosphere. And you make up that atmosphere with what you are inside of you. $\tiny{[3]}$

And, oh, wouldn't you loved to have been around Jesus just a little? Wonderful! See what that atmosphere He created would have been, I imagine it was just one great big bundle of love, and respects, and godly fear. [11]

Now, Jesus gave us the Example of what we ought to be looking at, when He reflected His Life to us through the Word, what we should see. When we look into God's mirror, we should see ourselves identified with Him. That is a perfect Example.

Now, but we find out that, as we go along through life, that our character molds the image that we are. Each one knows that. You, as you live, so is your character, molds you to what you are. Now, you have seen people that you just love to be around, yet they might not exactly be in your bracket of society. And, again, they might be of a different race, the colored, or the brown, or the yellow. But there's just something about that character, that you just love to be in their presence. Because each person is a little dynamo of their own, and you put out an atmosphere.

And then you see people that were noble people, but yet you were always glad to get away from them. It's just they create such an atmosphere around where you are. Nothing against them, they're nice people, but you just don't like that atmosphere, they're in. And their character creates whatever they are, makes them what they are. [12]

Oh, if you got the Token, you create a spirit around you, a power, that when you walk, people know that you're a Christian. They love for you to say something to them. They believe your word. What you say, they hold onto it. See? That's it. Apply the Token, then walk with It.

Then apply the Token in prayer, with consideration, with believing. Apply It with such love, and so forth, till you know it's going to take place. That's all. Apply It in confidence, believing It's going to help. When you talk to that child, when you talk to your husband, talk to your wife, talk to this loved one, believe that It's going to help. Just stand there, and say, "Lord, I've claimed them. They're mine. I'm getting them for You, Lord "

Apply It, and create that atmosphere around you, that they'll just drop right into It. Claim your household. You must do it now. This is evening time. Now, you've been listening a long time, now this is the evening time. It's applying time now. The wrath will strike, one of these days, it might be too late then. Apply the Token, with confidence. [13]

Now, the Bible is a different book from any other sacred book. There's no book like the Bible, because the Bible is God in Word form. A word is a thought expressed. God's thinking expressed It, His Words through the prophets; and they wrote the Bible, which is in Word form. And Jesus called It, "a Seed." And any seed will bring forth of its kind if it's in the right condition, the right atmosphere. This Book of prophecy, It is foretelling future events. Now, the Book contains the entire revelation of Jesus Christ. You don't add to It or take from It, and every revelation must come by It. See, it must be the Word. [14]

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